

Morris County Freeholders History

Name: Frank Dale Abell Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:July 26, 1868Served From:1912Date of Death:November 21, 1964Served To:1920Hometown:MorristownService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Served as president of Port Authority and Board of Managers at Greystone Psychiatric Hospital. Went on to serve in the New Jersey State Senate 1926-1931. Mr. Abell ran on the Prohibition-or "Dry"- Platform. "Prohibition"; as defined by the Volstead Act (October, 1919-1933) refers to a period in the United States that prohibited the sale, transportation, consumption and manufacture of alcohol.

Daughter Alice Dean Abell Caulkins donated her father's papers to the local history section of the Morris County Library in 1989.

Name: Prudden Alling Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:Served From:1790Date of Death:Served To:1799

Hometown: Hanover Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Alling's service. In the years 1790 and 1791, he is referred to as Major.

Name: William J. Ambrose Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1913

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

The book A History of Morris County, New Jersey: Embracing Upwards of Two Centuries 1710-1913, published by Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1914, provides names and municipality of the Freeholder Board. Elected from the Fourth Ward.

Name: James Anthony Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth: Served From: 1880

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Washington Township Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Spouse, Fannie Huffman, one child, James, Jr.

Name: Frank F. Apgar Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:Served From:Date of Death:Served To:

Hometown: Dover Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Mentioned in the Iron Era, 1900 edition.

Name: Andrew W. Axford Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth: 10/28/1845, Hackettstown, Served From: 1896

Date of Death: 1933 Served To:

Hometown: Washington Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

The Iron Era May 5, 1898 edition does not indicate he is a new member. His early life in the Biographical and Genealogical History of Morris County, New Jersey, published in 1899, advises that he was a blacksmith, then a veterinary surgeon. The Axford family re-located to Morris County in 1868. This biographical sketch indicates he was first elected to office in 1896.

Name: Margaret D. Baker Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:December 21, 1872Served From:1932Date of Death:August 18, 1947Served To:1932Hometown:MadisonService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Also known as Mrs. Reginald Baker; Mrs. W. Reginald Baker, Ms. Baker was born in Orange, New Jersey. Served as an Alternate Delegate to the Republican National Committee in 1924, and Delegate in 1928. Freeholder Baker was praised for her leadership for her work to securing the Free Library system in Morris County, serving as chairperson.

She appears to have been a vocal supporter of presidential candidate Herbert Hoover. The Hoover Presidential Library archives contains correspondence from Mrs. Baker in 1932. Additionally, candidate Hoover sent her a photo of himself and King Tut-his dog- inscribed "To Mrs. W. Reginald Baker, with kind regards. Herbert Hoover". The Rockaway Record, December 31, 1931 edition proclaims Mrs. Reginald Baker appointed to the Freeholder Board to fill the unexpired term of Fletcher L. Fritts, resigning his seat to become the County's treasurer. This article confirms that Mrs. Baker was the first, female freeholder and further advised that she will not be a candidate for re-election. The Rockaway Record, April 7, 1932 edition describes the "Bombshell" of Ms. Baker's re-election bid. No other record of Mrs. Baker has been located to date indicating that she served at another time. Her obituary in the Daily Record, August 18, 1947 announces her death the same day as her passing, First Woman Official, Mrs. R. Baker, Dies. The obituary outlines her many projects: beginning the Bundles For Britain and Relief For Holland campaigns; past president and charter member of the Thursday Morning Club in Madison and Vice President of the National Garden Club. Freeholder Baker's obituary also provides her burial location: Rosedale Cemetery, Orange, New Jersey.

Thank you, Ms. Cheryl Turkington, Assistant Archivist, Morristown & Morris Township Library, North Jersey History Center, Morristown, NJ for providing the obituary.

Name: Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:May 2, 1852.Served From:1918Date of Death:June, 1931.Served To:1926Hometown:Roxbury TownshipService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Born in Roxbury Township, marries Elizabeth A. Trimmer on January 1, 1880; four children: Ethel, Albert, Mary and Charles, Jr.. A member of the Mason and the Odd Fellows.

Described as a former Assemblyman in Dover's Iron Era, 1899 (elected in 1893), he was a candidate for Morris County Sherriff that year. In this 1899 race, candidate Baker bested candidate Eugene Troxell to become the Republican candidate for Sherriff. Mr. Troxell would also serve as a Freeholder. The Morris County Sheriffs Office provides a webpage with a chronological listing of known sheriffs. Mr. Baker is listed as serving from 1899-1901.

Name: Dayton Baldwin Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth: 3/24/1847 **Served From:** 1900

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Chatham Township Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

The Iron Era, March 16, 1900 edition announced the defeat of Freeholder Director Merrit Lum by candidate Dayton Baldwin. A biographical sketch of Freeholder Baldwin was published in 1899, and omits his election (Biographical and Genealogical History of Morris County New Jersey. Illustrated. Vol. II., Lewis Publishing Company, New York and Chicago, 1899, p385.) Born on the family farm, it appears that Freeholder Baldwin was a farmer, horse rancher and lumber mill owner prior to politics.

Name: Elijah Baldwin Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1807

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Pequannock Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Baldwin's service.

Name:Caleb BallParty Affiliation: UnknownDate of Birth:1685Served From: 1710Date of Death:UnknownServed To: UnknownHometown:HanoverService Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Appointed freeholder for Hudson County-Prior to Morris County incorporation.

Wife Elizabeth, married 1718.

Name: Howard F. Barrett Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:August 29, 1885Served From:1933Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1935Hometown:MadisonService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Served one term in the New Jersey Assembly, and for a number of years served as Madison's Borough council. Served as Morris County Prosecutor 1944-1950.

Name: Augustus Hugh Bartley Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth:9/1/1858Served From:1898Date of Death:1944Served To:1903Hometown:Mt. OliveService Century:Ninteenth

Noteworthy Events

The Iron Era May 5, 1898 edition indicates he is a new member. The newspaper reports in its' March 16, 1900 edition that Freeholder Bartley received the total number of votes cast: 87.

Name: William J. Bassett Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:September 1, 1872.Served From:1924Date of Death:August 30, 1931.Served To:1931Hometown:Mine HillService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

The Rockaway Record, October 28, 1926 edition announces that Freeholder Bassett is completing his first year as Freeholder. Chairman of the Court House and Jail Committee and was Chairman of the Road Committee. The Rockaway Record's September 3, 1931 edition published the news of Freeholder Bassett's death from pneumonia; days shy of his 59th birthday. Freeholder Bassett is buried in Locust Hill Cemetery, Dover, New Jersey.

Name: Enoch Beach Party Affiliation: Unknown

 Date of Birth:
 1737
 Served From:
 1786

 Date of Death:
 3/7/1814
 Served To:
 1799

Hometown: Hanover Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Married twice: Susanna Day (b. 1739, d. 6/8/1777) Hannah Young (b. 6/13/1747 d. 11/14/1827) Eight children: John, Catherine, Susanna, Darling, Electa, Samuel, Gabriel, and Abigail. In 1790 and 1791, he is referred to as Captain Enoch Beach.

Name: Benjamin Beach Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1808

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Pequannock Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Beach's service.

Name: Gustave A. Becker Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: Served From: 1898

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Morristown Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

According to The Iron Era, May 5, 1898 edition, there were four freeholders representing Morristown, one for each ward. Freeholder Becker represented the third ward. He is not indicated as a new member. 1898 is the earliest known service, per research to date. In a New York Times article dated July 12, 1901, he is referred to as Dr. Becker in reported proceedings of the Morris County Freeholders. By 1904, he is referred to as Director.

Name: John A. Bermingham Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth: November 13, 1875 Served From: 1911

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Mine Hill Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Funeral Director by trade, his establishment remains in Wharton.

Name: Samuel Berry Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1744Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1749

Hometown: Pequannock Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Appointed freeholder for Hudson County-Prior to Morris County incorporation.

Name: John A. Birmingham Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1913

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Wharton Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

The book A History of Morris County, New Jersey: Embracing Upwards of Two Centuries 1710-1913, published by Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1914, provides names and municipality of the Freeholder Board.

Name: William C. Bounting Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: 3/22/1812 in Berkshire Vall Served From:
Date of Death: December 12, 1893 aged 81. Served To:

Hometown: Jefferson Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

The Iron Era's December 12, 1893 edition devotes a large column to Freeholder Bounting. A carriage manufacturer by trade, he was a long-serving Justice of the Peace (30 years) declining to run for J.O.P for a thirty-first year. When offered an opportunity to run for the New Jersey Assembly, he declined. Freeholder Bounting is described as "cheerful and hearty" and never a "serious ailment, save for pneumonia some twelve years ago.." In a testament to this heartiness, the former Freeholder is reported as being "tired" a few days prior to his death, after ascending a ladder in his barn.

Name: James Briant Bowman Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth: 9/19/1842 in Randolph, NJ Served From: 1898

Date of Death: 6/23/1922 Served To:

Hometown: Mendham Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Beginning his early life as a carpenter, Freeholder Bowman changed direction and opened a meat business. In the 1880 census, Mr. Briant Bowman is listed as a Butcher living in Mendham. The Iron Era May 20, 1898 edition indicates he is a new member. It appears that Freeholder Bowman preferred the form of his name "J. Briant Bowman".

Name: Joan V. Bramhall Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: 1936 Served From: 1993

Date of Death:August 7, 2014Served To:11/23/1998Hometown:DenvilleService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Served as Morris County clerk, President of the Morris County Library Foundation, Chair of the Morris County Republican Committee from 1988 through 1994. Serving the public with professionalism and a "notable" smile in many capacities, her positions also included aide to the late Dean Gallo, and serving on Governor Chris Christie's transition team. After Super Storm Sandy devastated much of the northeast, Clerk Bramhall urged impacted Morris County citizens to take advantage of the offer of free deed copies to send to insurance companies. After 50 years of public service that earned her such descriptions as "A New Jersey Institution" and "One of the noblest women in New Jersey", upon her retirement, Ms. Bramhall simply stated she most looked forward to no longer rising at 6 am.

On April 23, 2015 the Morris County Library dedicated a Children's room to Ms. Bramhall. She had served as the founding chairwoman of the library foundation.

Name: William Brittin Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1813

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Mendham Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Brittin's service.

Name: Leanna Young Brown Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:1932Served From:1972Date of Death:December 15, 2016Served To:1981Hometown:ChathamService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Born in Providence, Rhode Island and attentended the Northfield School for Girls and Smith College. In 1956, she and her husband Stan relocated to Chatham, where Ms. Brown began her career in politics.

Appointed June 14, 1972 to December 31, 1972 as a replacement for Freeholder Vreeland. Elected for a full terms thereafter. Served as a New Jersey State Senator. Ms. Brown is the first woman to serve as Freeholder Director.

Name: Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: 1769 Served From: 1818

Date of Death: June 29, 1849. Served To:

Hometown: Chatham Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Bruen's service.

Name: Anthony Bucco Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:5/7/1946Served From:1989Date of Death:Served To:1992

Hometown: Boonton Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

March, 1989 filled unexpired term of Mr. DeCroce. Elected to Senate 1998.

Name: John Budd Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1804

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Roxbury Service Century: Ninteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Budd's service.

Name: Peter J. Burkhart Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1973Date of Death:Served To:1981

Hometown: Montville Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Attended his first Freeholder Board meeting July 11, 1973 to fill the vacancy created by Freeholder Woodhull's resignation. Nominated by then-Governor William T. Cahill for a full term until December 31, 1973.

Name: Dr. Jabez Campfield Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:Served From:1791Date of Death:Served To:1794

Hometown: Morristown Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Dr. Jabez Campfield, a graduate from the College of New Jersey (now Princeton University), studied medicine with Newark doctor William Burnet, and entered the army as Senior Surgeon on Dr. Burnet's staff during the American Revolution. He practiced medicine in Morristown where he owned Campfield Farm, until his death. Dr. Campfield administered the first Small Pox vaccine in the United States. The vaccine was administered to his 4 year old daughter on the steps of his house. Founder of the Morris County Agricultural Society. The Dr. Jabez Campfield House remains standing, and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Name: William Campfield Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1808

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Campfield's service.

Name: Frank C. Carle Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1913

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Madison Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

The book A History of Morris County, New Jersey: Embracing Upwards of Two Centuries 1710-1913, published by Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1914, provides names and municipality of the Freeholder Board.

Name: James C. Carter Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: Served From: 1898

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Boonton Service Century: Ninteenth

Noteworthy Events

The Iron Era May 5, 1898 edition indicates he is a new member. Freeholder Carter wins in 1900 by ten votes.

Name: William J. Chegwidden Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:Served From:2006Date of Death:Served To:2012

Hometown: Wharton Service Century: Twentyfirst

Noteworthy Events

First elected Freeholder in November, 2006, but his public service dates back to 1995, serving on the Wharton Planning Board and as its mayor. A much respected high school history teacher, his students inevitably nicknamed him "Chegs". During the Freeholder's bid for the New Jersey Senate in April 20, 2011, many current and former students held up placards reading "Vote for Chegs".

Freeholder Chegwidden served as Freeholder Deputy Director in 2009 and 2010, becoming Director in 2011 and 2012. During his tenure on the board, Freeholder Chegwidden championed the Morris County Improvement Authority's project in 2011 of an award-winning, renewable energy program called the "Morris Model." The program involved the installation of thousands of solar panels at participating school and government facilities across the county, significantly reducing the energy costs for those entities.

Name: Christopher J. Christie Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:September 6, 1962Served From:1995Date of Death:Served To:1997

Hometown: Mendham Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Went on to serve as U.S. Attorney. Elected Governor of New Jersey, 2010 and again 2013. On June 30, 2015, the Governor announced his candidacy in the 2016 Presidential race. On February 10, 2016, the Governor announced the suspension of his presidential campaign.

Name: John Clark Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1815

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Pequannock Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Clark's service.

Name: Ebenezer Coe Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: 1755 Served From: 1805

Date of Death: 1839 Served To:

Hometown: Mendham Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Additional service as Overseer of the Roads, Overseer of the Poor and Tax Assessor. In 1810, he is elected from Randolph.

Name: Joseph Coe, Jr. Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Unknown Served From: 1740

Date of Death:UnknownServed To:UnknownHometown:Morris TownshipService Century:Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Appointed by the first Morris County Court session on 3/25/1740.

Name: William E. Coleman Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1913

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Washington Township Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

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Name: **Joseph Colver** Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1813

Date of Death: Served To:

Service Century: Nineteenth Hometown: Unknown

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Colver's service.

Robert Colver Name: **Party Affiliation:** Unknown

Served From: Date of Birth: 1798

Date of Death: Served To:

Service Century: Eighteenth Hometown: Unknown

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing is known of Freeholder Colver's service.

Name: **Benjamin Condict Party Affiliation:** Unknown

Served From: Date of Birth: 1813

Date of Death: Served To:

Service Century: Nineteenth Hometown: Unknown

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Condict's service.

Silas Condict Name: **Party Affiliation:** Unknown

Date of Birth: 3/7/1738 Served From: 1767

Date of Death: 9/6/1801 Served To: Unknown Service Century: Eighteenth

Hometown: Morristown

Noteworthy Events

Member of the Continental Congress. Served as a Captain in The American Revolution.

Buried in First Presbyterian Churchyard, Morristown.

Name: Joseph H. Conklin Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1913

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Chatham Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

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Name: W. Wallace Cook Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:March 3, 1850.Served From:1881Date of Death:Unknown.Served To:1884

Hometown: Hanover Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Married Mollie H. Ball September 12, 1887; two daughters, Helen and Charlotte.

Name: Silas Cook Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1805

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Pequannock Service Century: Ninteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Cook's service.

Name: John K. Cook Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1913

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Dover Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

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Name: William R. Cook Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: Served From: 1898

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Long Hill Township Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

The Iron Era, May 20, 1898 edition describes Freeholder Cook as a new member. The New York Times, July 12, 1901 edition published an article titled "Resolution a Boomerang". In a simpler time, "autos" and horses shared the streets of Morris County, sometimes grudgingly. Freeholder Cook was fond of fast horses, and moved to Morristown to get away from the autos and trolleys that caused him to drive slowly. He is paraphrased in the Times: "No pace less than 12 miles an hour suits him. Anything slower makes him feel, he says, as if he is in a funeral procession." Out in his carriage one day, his horse was startled by an auto and ran out of control until exhausted. Freeholder Cook presented a resolution forbidding automobiles to drive over five miles an hour. His colleagues knew of his fondness for speed, and amended the resolution to include all vehicles. Freeholder Cook fought to exclude horse-drawn vehicles, but to quote the Times, he was forced to adopt the "unhappy "rider" " with the comment "Ain't that a boomerang?" Although this New York Times article is light-hearted, it does serve to illustrate the challenges presented to Morris County Freeholders in the Industrial Era.

The Iron Era, March 16, 1900 edition announced Freeholder Cook's re-election.

Name: Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1809

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Chester Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Cooper's service.

Name: Sylvanus Cooper Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1817

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Unknown Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Cooper's service.

Name: Joseph Cutler Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1818

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Cutler's service.

Name: Henry M. Dalrymple Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: 1832 Served From: 1898

Date of Death: January 31, 1904 Served To:

Hometown: Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Civil War service: enlisted at age 29 in Morristown, New Jersey to serve three years in New York's Company K, First Engineers, on October 5, 1861. Commissioned Second Lieutenant April 25, 1862. Discharged December 1, 1864. A Coal and Lumber Dealer by trade, in his social time, he spent many hours at the Torbert Post, No. 24, in Morristown. According to The Iron Era, May 5, 1898 edition, there were four freeholders representing Morristown; one for each ward. Freeholder Dalrymple represented the first ward. He is not indicated as a new member; 1898 is the earliest known service, per research to date. In 1900, he was elected unanimously to the Directorship. Freeholder Dalrymple is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Morristown, New Jersey.

Name: John P. Davidson Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:Served From:1981Date of Death:Served To:1981Hometown:ChathamService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Name: Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: c. 1821 Served From: 1880

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Pequannock Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Marries Sarah September 19, 1844. A Brick Mason by trade.

Name: John DeBow Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1786Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1799

Hometown: Pequannock Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder DeBow's service.

Name: John DeCamp Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1806

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Jefferson Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Per the Jefferson Township Bicentennial Celebration Committee, at Widow Hile Seward's home on the afternoon of April 9, 1804, John DeCamp, David Hurd, Joseph Hurd, John Ford, and John P. Losey – members of the first Township Committee -- signed the charter creating Jefferson Township from parts of Roxbury Township and Pequannock Township.

Name: Alex DeCroce Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:6/10/1938Served From:1984Date of Death:1/9/2012, age 75Served To:1989Hometown:ParsippanyService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Born in Morristown, New Jersey, graduated from Boonton High School, and went on to attend Seton Hall University. Additional Morris County public service included serving on the County College of Morris Board of Trustees. Resigned as Freeholder March 3, 1989, to serve in New Jersey's State Assembly. While serving in the Assembly, he became the G.O.P. leader in 2003, the Republican Conference Leader from 2002-03, and served as Deputy Speaker from 1994-2001. Personally, Assemblyman DeCroce was most proud of two acts: Sponsoring a law that renewed the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund, dedicating fuels taxes for transportation projects, and amending the New Jersey State Constitution to protect and strengthen the rights of crime victims. Passing away in the State House in which he served so many years, Governor Christie remembered his friend, colleague and mentor as "one of the most kind, considerate and trustworthy people I have ever had the pleasure to know".

Name: Michael Dedio Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1989Date of Death:Served To:1991Hometown:RiverdaleService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

1989-Replaced Alex DeCroce as Deputy Director. Mr. Dedio served as Riverdale's mayor for twenty-five years. In April, 2007 Mayor William Budesheim, proclaimed former Mead Avenue in Riverdale be known as Mayor Michael Dedio Avenue. Mr. Dedio relocated to Lavallette, New Jersey.

Name: William Dee Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth:September 6, 1862Served From:1913Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1916Hometown:ChesterService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

William "Billy" Dee is reported by the Newark News newspaper in 1881 to have pitched the very first "curve ball" in the history of baseball, after catching a finger in the ball covering. However, W. A. "Candy" Cummings (William Arthur) is credited by the Baseball Hall of Fame with the same feat in 1867, in Worcester Massachusetts. Cummings rival, Fred Goldsmith, is credited with giving the first publicly recorded demonstration on August 17, 1870 in Brooklyn, New York. The only fact not in dispute is Freeholder Dee's legendary enthusiasm for the game of baseball. Freeholder Dee was the son of Irish immigrants; his father served in New Jersey's Co. F.

Name: Captain Denniston Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1790

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Pequannock Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Denniston's service, including his first name.

Name: Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1812

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Unknown Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Dickerson's service.

Name: Stephen Dickerson Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1818

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Jefferson Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Dickerson's service.

Name: William Elmer Dickerson Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: May 22, 1871 Served From: 1913

Date of Death: Unknown Served To:

Hometown: Denville Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

The book A History of Morris County, New Jersey: Embracing Upwards of Two Centuries 1710-1913, published by Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1914, provides names and municipality of the Freeholder Board. Preferring to be called Elmer, Freeholder Dickerson was elected November, 1913 to the Board, representing Mt. Tabor (prior to Mt. Tabor's union with Parsippany.) Attended the public schools near his home, but was obliged to leave these at the age of thirteen years. He has, however, keen powers of observation, and by wisely selected reading in later life as acquired a broad and liberal education.

Name: Lebbeus Dod Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:1739Served From:1790Date of Death:1816Served To:1794

Hometown: Mendham Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Gifted with mechanical talent, Freeholder Dod was noted for his construction of grandfather clocks and mathematical instruments. A parallel ruler with protractor and plotting scale of his design is displayed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, while another of his instruments is housed in the Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institute.

As Captain of the Morris County Militia during the American Revolution, he kept the Continental Army's firearms in repair.

Name: Stephen Dod Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:Served From:Date of Death:Served To:

Hometown: Mendham Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

A son of Lebbeus Dod, and inheritor of his father's mechanical skill.

Name: Jacob Drake Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:April 21, 1732.Served From:1789Date of Death:September 18, 1823.Served To:1790

Hometown: Roxbury Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

A Colonel in the Western Battalion of the Morris County Militia during the Revolution, Jacob Drake and served as a member of the first New Jersey Legislature. Prior to his military service, he ran a tavern and owned a saw mill. Eventually becoming a land owner (nearly 900 acres in present-day Ledgewood), the Drakesville area of Succasunna was named in his honor. Colonel Drake is interred in The First Presbyterian Cemetery, Roxbury.

Name: Paul Drake Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: Served From:
Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Washington Township Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Drake's service.

Name: Frank J. Druetzler Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1992Date of Death:Served To:2006Hometown:Morris PlainsService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Often referred to as "Freeholder no. 7". Chairs the annual "Uncle Frank's Trout Fishing Contest" in Morris Plains.

Name: John Dufford, Jr. Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1806

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Washington Township Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Dufford's service.

Name: John Eckert Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1994Date of Death:Served To:1999

Hometown: Chatham Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Resigned effective 8/11/1999. Relocated to Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Name: Jonathan R. Eichlin Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1913

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Morristown Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

The book A History of Morris County, New Jersey: Embracing Upwards of Two Centuries 1710-1913, published by Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1914, provides names and municipality of the Freeholder Board. Elected from the Second Ward.

Name: Leonard Elliott Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth: October 2, 1861 Served From: 1911

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Dover Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

The book A History of Morris County, New Jersey: Embracing Upwards of Two Centuries 1710-1913, published by Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1914, provides names and municipality of the Freeholder Board. Born in Dover, he attended local schools. After completing his education, he worked alongside his father in a mining operation owned by the family. In 1881 he went to Tucson, Arizona, where he was employed as assistant superintendent of a copper mine, but preferring to live in the east he returned shortly afterward to Dover. In the fall of 1908 was elected to the Dover council, by a majority of seventy-eight, being the only Democrat to hold position in the town. In 1910 was re-elected to the council by a record majority, and in 1911 elected member board of freeholders, and in 1913 was up for re-election.

Name: Nicholas Emmons Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1798

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Washington Township Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

The Freeholder's surname has varied spellings in sources: Emmens, Emmans, and Emons. Beginning in 1804, his surname is standardized to Emmons.

Name: Moses Estey Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:Served From:1790Date of Death:Served To:1796Hometown:MorristownService Century:Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

A veteran of the American Revolution, Captain Estey was a chair-maker by trade. At one time, he had a chair making factory in his residence (The Moses Estey House was relocated from its original location to the Historic Speedwell Village).

Name: Simon E. Estler Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: October 24, 1870 Served From: 1913

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Butler Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

The book A History of Morris County, New Jersey: Embracing Upwards of Two Centuries 1710-1913, published by Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1914, provides names and municipality of the Freeholder Board. Born near Boonton, he ran a sundries store.

Name: George A. Estler Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1913

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Boonton Township Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

The book A History of Morris County, New Jersey: Embracing Upwards of Two Centuries 1710-1913, published by Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1914, provides names and municipality of the Freeholder Board.

Name: Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1918Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1922Hometown:BoontonService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Served as Morris County Sheriff 1923-1925.

Name: Isaiah Fairclo Party Affiliation: Unknown
Date of Birth: 1765 Served From: 1818

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Chester Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

As a Loyalist (supporting the King) during the American Revolution, he fled to Canada after the war. Returning to Chester sometime after 1794. On July 4, 1818, Mr. Fairclo served on the committee for arranging American Independence Day. He died sometime after May 1, 1844.

Name: John W. Fancher Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth: November 8, 1854 Served From: 1898

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Roxbury Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Serving for thirty years as a Justice of the Peace in Succasunna with only one decision reversed on appeal. The Iron Era May 5, 1898 edition does not indicate he is a new member. 1898 is the earliest located service, per research to date; his biography in "History of Morris County, Vol. II" published in 1914, advises that he was a Freeholder for fifteen years.

Name: Eugene F. Feyl Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: 1945 Served From: 2007

Date of Death: Served To: Midnight, May 12, 2012

Hometown: Denville Service Century: Twentyfirst

Noteworthy Events

Eugene "Gene" Feyl graduated Morris Hills High School in 1963. A Vietnam veteran, Freeholder Feyl left college and enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving in communications intelligence. Famous for his belief that children are the future, while serving as Mayor of Denville, he volunteered his time to participate in the Township's Junior Police Academy. Former first vice president of the New Jersey League of Municipalities, a former president of the Morris County League of Municipalities and a former member of the boards of the New Jersey Conference of Mayors and the Morris County Economic Development Corporation. He is also a former member and vice president of the Denville Board of Education, and in 2009, he was elected to the Morris Hills Regional School District Hall of Fame. While serving Morris County on the Board of Chosen Freeholders; he served as liaison to the Departments of Public Works, Transportation and was a member of the Budget Sub Committee.

Resigned as Freeholder 12:00am, May 12, 2012 to become Executive Director of the Highlands Council.

Name: Phinehas Fitz Randolph Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: October 15, 1749. Served From: 1799

Date of Death: 1817. Served To:

Hometown: Unknown Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

A variation of the Freeholder's name is Phineas F. Randolph. Freeholder Fitz Randolph's father was Hartshorn Fitz-Randolph, for whom Randolph Township is named. Something is known of Freeholder Fitz Randolph's love of sport. An avid hunter of partridge, quail, and on one occasion, pigeons. In 1811 and 1812, the pigeon population in Morris County had exploded. One foggy April morning, the "elderly gentleman" Fitz Randolph stepped onto his back porch, and began shooting. There was a general amazement at his skill of bringing down birds on the wing, bagging 50.

Name: Leander B. Ford Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: June 9, 1843. Served From: 1880

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

A farmer by trade. Marries Laura Evarts Tuttle October 2, 1866. Children Preston, Edith and Willis.

Name: John M. Fox, Sr. Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1996Date of Death:September 26, 2015.Served To:1998Hometown:ParsippanyService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Unexpired term of James O'Brien. Mr. Fox served as Morris County Sheriff 1975-1992. Serving as Freeholder, Mr. Fox displayed an early interest in the juvenile justice system, becoming a driving force behind the juvenile detention center as well as the Morris County Youth Shelter.

Name: Peter Frederick Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Unknown Served From: 1793

Date of Death:UnknownServed To:UnknownHometown:PequannockService Century:Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Served as an "Over crier" of the Poor.

Name: Rodney P. Frelinghuysen Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:April 29, 1946Served From:1975Date of Death:Served To:1983

Hometown: Morristown Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

A graduate of Hobart College in 1969, he completed basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey. Served in Vietnam, attached to the 93rd Engineering Battallion, stationed on the Mekong Delta. Went on to become a United States Congressman. The Freeholder's family donated their country home to Morris County. It now serves as the Frelinghuysen Arboretum.

Name: Fletcher L. Fritts Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: March 31, 1880 Served From: 1922

Date of Death: September, 1973 Served To:

Hometown: Dover Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Upon the death of Freeholder Director Lewis A. Water on December 13, 1927, Freeholder Fritts appointed Freeholder Director. Served as President of Elks Dover Lodge No. 782 from 1920-1921. The Rockaway Record, October 28, 1926 edition announces his candidacy for re-election. Freeholder Fritts served as Chairman of the Finance Committee, as well as the Tuberculosis Committee.

Name: Dean Anderson Gallo Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: November 23, 1935 Served From: 1971

Date of Death:November 6, 1994Served To:1976 Resigned.Hometown:ParsippanyService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Went on to serve in the New Jersey House of Representatives.

Name: S. Charles Garafalo Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1975Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1977Hometown:Rockaway TownshipService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Served as Rockaway Township councilman from January 1, 1973 to January 31, 1975. In the Hackettstown newspaper The Forum, March 19, 1975 edition, Freeholder Garafalo was selected to head a 13-member board of persons representing the legal community in Morris County. The goal was to select a Criminal Justice planner to evaluate crime, criminal apprehension and crime prevention.

Name: Whitfield B. Gillen Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth:12/10/1859Served From:Date of Death:2/14/1928Served To:

Hometown: Dover Service Century: Ninteenth

Noteworthy Events

The Iron Era May 5, 1898 edition does not indicate he is a new member. During this election, there were two Freeholders from Dover. In addition to Freeholder Gillen, Republican Freeholder Jacob J. Vreeland, is not indicated as a new member. 1898 is the earliest known service, per research to date. The Rockaway Record reports his demise, as well as a listing of the freeholder's fraternal organizations and public service.

Name: Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:March 26, 1882Served From:1945Date of Death:Served To:1959Hometown:BoontonService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

According to the Rockaway Record, February 28, 1952 edition, Freeholder Goble, chairman of roads and bridges, slipped while inspecting a bridge in Chester Township.

Name:Robert GouldParty Affiliation: UnknownDate of Birth:UnknownServed From: 1743Date of Death:UnknownServed To: 1749

Hometown: Pequannock Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Appointed freeholder for Hudson County-Prior to Morris County incorporation.

Name: Richard Gray Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1807

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Washington Township Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Gray's service.

Name: Freelan M. Green Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:February 6, 1886Served From:1952Date of Death:June 2, 1963Served To:1957Hometown:UnknownService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Freelan Mills Green was born in Morristown, and was a plumber by trade in 1918, per his WW I Draft Registration card. Known as "Mr. Fireman" in his lifetime throughout New Jersey, Freeholder Green became interested in Fire Fighting after the destruction of the 1906 earth quake in San Francisco, California.

Thank you, Ms. Cheryl Turkington, Assistant Archivist, North Jersey History & Genealogy Center, Morristown & Morris Township Library, for a copy of Freeholder Green's obituary.

Name: Stephen C. Griffith, Jr. Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1925Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1951Hometown:Rockaway BoroughService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Owned an insurance company, served as President of the Y.M.C.A., as a volunteer fireman in Morristown and served as a Director of the Morristown Trust Company. Served twenty-three years as a Morris County Freeholder, eighteen of those as Director. Member of the Morristown Fire Department.

Name: Norman J. Griffiths Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:March 8, 1888Served From:1950Date of Death:February, 1973Served To:1971Hometown:MadisonService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Born in Buffalo, New York. Per his WW I Draft Registration card, he was a Statistician for the Consolidated Gas Co., in New York. Served as Mayor of Madison from June 29, 1945 to December 31, 1951, per the Borough of Madison website. In 1952, up for re-election, Freeholder Griffiths promised to continue the program of progress begun in his first term. In 1952, Freeholder Griffiths promised a new County garage and re-building the Court House with additional offices. Freeholder Griffiths is buried in Hanover Cemetery, East Hanover, New Jersey.

Name: William H. Grimes Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: 9/20/1849 Served From:

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Hanover Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

A carpenter by trade. Elected freeholder for seven consecutive years.

Name: Ann F. Grossi, Esq. Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:Served From:2011Date of Death:Served To:2013

Hometown: Parsippany Service Century: Twentyfirst

Noteworthy Events

A lawyer by occupation, Ms. Grossi received her bachelor's and master's degrees from William Paterson University and her Juris Doctorate from Seton Hall University Law School. Former Parsippany councilwoman. Choosing not to run as Freeholder for a second term, she explained that her successful bid for Morris County clerk would suit her strengths: "I'm a people person, and in elections, with being responsible for every document that needs to be filed in the county, that's an awesome responsibility. All the archives, the historical documents..."

Name: Anderson M. Guerin Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1913

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

The book A History of Morris County, New Jersey: Embracing Upwards of Two Centuries 1710-1913, published by Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1914, provides names and municipality of the Freeholder Board. Elected from the Third Ward.

Name: Alvin O. Gunneson Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1977Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1979Hometown:UnknownService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Name: John H. Gunther Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Death: Unknown Served To:

Hometown: Mendham Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

The eldest in a family of seven children, he remained in Hessen-Darmstadt until age 18, when he migrated to America, arriving in New York on September 19, 1854.

Name: Samuel Halliday Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1815

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Unknown Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

From 1814 to 1816, served as Morris County sherrif.

Name: Isaac Hance Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:1741.Served From:1789Date of Death:October 9, 1818.Served To:1801

Hometown: Mendham Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Hance's service. It is known that he practiced the Ouaker faith in his private life.

In 1775, Mr. Hance attended a meeting, where the first anti-slavery society in New Jersey was established. 1805 brings the creation of Randolph Township from Mendham Township, and the election of Mr. Hance as its first mayor.

In 1806, Freeholder Hance returns to the board, from Randolph.

Name: Lawrence Hann Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1811

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Washington Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Hann's service.

Name: Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth: c. 1835, Sussex County. Served From: 1880

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Chester Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

A farmer by trade. Marries Abigail "Abby" Mary Hunt in 1858. Two sons: John and Williams.

Name: Edward C. Harvey Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:11/10/1863, Ironia (RandolpServed From:1896Date of Death:Served To:1898

Hometown: Roxbury Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

According to The History of Morris County, New Jersey (Volume II, Lewis Publishing Co., 1914) Freeholder Harvey served one term. Prior to his political career, Mr. Harvey spent many years "out west", settling new towns from "Bismarck to the Montana State line" as an employee of the Northern Pacific Railroad. Returning to Morris County in 1893, he settled in Succasunna in 1896. He is remembered as a key figure in the building of Roxbury High School.

Name: Abraham Hathaway Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Unknown Served From: 1740

Date of Death:UnknownServed To:UnknownHometown:Morris TownshipService Century:Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Appointed by the first Morris County Court session on 3/25/1740.

Name: Jeremiah Hayden Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth: c. 1827, New Jersey. Served From: 1880

Date of Death: 1909 Served To:

Hometown: Unknown Service Century: Ninteenth

Noteworthy Events

The Dover Iron Era, March 1880 article announcing the new Board of Chosen freeholders is unclear in some places. This Freeholder's municipality is not legible. The 1880 US Census lists a Jerimiah Hayden as a Farmer in New Vernon.

Name: William Headley Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: October 23, 1769. Served From: 1810

Date of Death: August 22, 1856. Served To:

Hometown: Jefferson Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Headley's service.

Name: Theodore S. Hill Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1913

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Mendham Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

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Name: James Hinchman Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1807

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Randolph Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Hinchman's service.

Name: Thomas H. Hoagland Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth: Served From: 1898

Date of Death: June 19, 1928. Served To:

Hometown: Rockaway Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

The Iron Era May 5, 1898 edition does not indicate he is a new member, but 1898 is the earliest known service, per research to date. Freeholder Hoagland's obituary advises that he served several terms, but was retired from politics at the time of his death.

On June 29, 1900, Freeholder Hoagland had a telephone installed in his house. At the turn-of-the-last-century, this was news-worthy; comparable to modern-day Freeholders announcing the latest technology employed to allow timely communication: Twitter, Face book accounts, etc..

Name: Charles Fern Hopkins Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: May 16, 1842 Served From: 1871

Date of Death: February 14, 1934, age 92. Served To: 1884. Served again in 1911.

Hometown: Boonton Township Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Reportedly the first man in Morris County to enlist for three years service during the Civil War. Captured 5/6/1864 at Wilderness, Virginia. Held at Libby and Andersonville Prisons. Corp. Hopkins attempted escape from Andersonville on three separate occasions. In 1898, he was commissioned by Acting New Jersey Gov. Voorhees to erect a monument at Andersonville Prison, Georgia in remembrance of New Jersey soldiers who died there. Awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery at Gaines Mill. Although twice wounded himself, he attempted helping wounded fellow soldier Richard A. Donnelly off the battlefield during severe cross-fire. Corporal Hopkins was the last surviving Civil War Medal of Honor recipient at the time of his death. His personal narrative regarding his experiences as a prisoner of war may be found in the Andersonville National Cemetery archives.

Served as a town committeeman from 1868 to 1873, member of the Board of Freeholders from 1871 to 1874; elected mayor in 1880, freeholder from 1881 to 1884, when he resigned. Assistant sergeant-at-arms of the New Jersey Senate from 1882 to 1884. In 1884 appointed postmaster of Boonton. He was elected to the Assembly of New Jersey in 1896, and served until 1898. In 1898, he was elected assistant clerk of the New Jersey Assembly. He served again as a Morris County freeholder at least one other time in 1911.

Name: Benjamin Hopper Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: Served From: 1880

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Jefferson Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing is known of Freeholder Hopper's service.

Name: Daniel Hopping Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1808

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Hanover Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Hopping's service.

Name: Samuel M. Hopping Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:March 22, 1822Served From:Date of Death:UnknownServed To:

Hometown: Hanover Township Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

In 1847, he purchased 166 acres and began farming. It is unknown when Mr. Hopping became interested in politics. He also served as a "Commissioner of Appeals".

Name: Silas Horton Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1806

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Chester Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Horton's service.

Name: Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: 1751 Served From: 1799

Date of Death: November 27, 1835. Served To:

Hometown: Chester Township Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Morris County Judge 1822 and 1827, Overseer of poor and Justice of the Peace. Served as deacon of the Chester Congregational Church, and buried in the church's cemetery. Daniel and his brother Caleb were American Revolution veterans, serving in the New Jersey Militia.

Name: William H. Howell Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: April 6, 1841 Served From: 1878

Date of Death: July 15, 1899 Served To:

Hometown: Whippany Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Wife Susannah A., and three sons: Francis, Rodney and Joseph Warren. Served as Morris County Sheriff 1881-1883. According to the April 20, 1878 edition of The Iron Era, Dover, New Jersey's newspaper, there was some dispute over the directorship; his official biography gives a Directorship of two years.

Freeholder Howell was born and died on his family farm.

Name: Elias Howell Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:Served From:Date of Death:Served To:

Hometown: Roxbury Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Howell's service.

Name: George L. Hull Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: c. 1851. Served From:
Date of Death: May 1879. Served To:

Hometown: Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

George L. Hull was a Recorder, Councilman and City Surveyor for Morristown, New Jersey. He passed away at age 28, circumstances are unknown. The Saturday, May 17, 1879 edition of The Iron Era, printed a resolution of the Freeholder Board lamenting the passing of Freeholder Hull. A highly-detailed map of Morristown, published by Surveyor Hull in 1874, may be viewed at the Morristown Public Library.

Name: George H. Hulmes Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: Served From: 1913

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Jefferson Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

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Name: Richard Hunt Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1808

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Chester Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Hunt's service.

Name: John W. Hurd Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1850

Date of Death:1912Served To:UnknownHometown:DoverService Century:Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

The last of his family line, Freeholder Hurd donated a portion of the family farm to the Town of Dover in 1911; It now serves as Hurd Park. The Hurd family migrated from Dover, New Hampshire in 1722, and sources assert the Hurd family were influential in renaming "Old Tye"-present day Dover-in homage to their old hometown.

Name: Patric J. Hyland Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:February 12, 1935Served From:1982Date of Death:February 15, 2007Served To:1993Hometown:Morris TownshipService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Served as Morris Township Committee member and as Mayor. Caught a 16 pound, 12 ounce Bass in Surf City, New Jersey, 2005.

Name: John Inglesino Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:2001Date of Death:Served To:2007

Hometown: Rockaway Township Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Filled the Unexpired term of Freeholder J. Pennacchio. Served as Mayor of Rockaway Township 1996-2002. Prior, he served on the Township's council.

Name: Dr. John W. Jackson Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth: June 3, 1820. Served From: 1880

Date of Death: May, 1896. Served To:

Hometown: Rockaway Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Dr. John Walter Jackson graduated from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Class of 1865. Married twice: Francis McCarthy (d. June 28, 1872) and on October 1, 1879 he married Sarah Reed. Beginning his practice in in Berkshire Valley, Dr. Jackson returned to take over his father's practice in Rockaway (Dr. John Darbee Jackson). The Iron Era, Friday, May 8, 1896, states that he served several terms as Freeholder and many of those years as Director. Other offices held included Board of Directors at (now) Greystone Park, Morris County Collector, and for one term a Clerk of the New Jersey State Senate. The Iron Era categorizes his public service as "..in every instance it may truly be said that the office sought the man."

Name: Robert F. Jenkins Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: March 10, 1870 Served From: 1913

Date of Death: Unknown Served To:

Hometown: Dover Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

At age 1, Freeholder Jenkins' family immigrated from Great Britain, moving first to Long Island, New York then to Dover, New Jersey. After completing his "common school" education, Mr. Jenkins enrolled in Dover Business College. At the age of 17, he took up black-smithing, spending his apprenticeships in Mount Freedom and Morristown. After renting various spaces, he purchased his own shop and expanded the business into wagon making, painter and automobile "repairer". In 1913, Freeholder Jenkins was serving his first term.

Name: Gabriel Johnson Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1808

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Chatham Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Johnson's service.

Name: William C. Johnson Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: Served From: 1800

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Chatham Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Johnson's service.

Name: James Johnson Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1786Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1787

Hometown: Mendham Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Johnson's service.

Name: Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1811

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Unknown Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Karn's service.

Name: Edward Kayhart Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1913

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Montville Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

The book A History of Morris County, New Jersey: Embracing Upwards of Two Centuries 1710-1913, published by Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1914, provides names and municipality of the Freeholder Board.

Name: Christopher Kelly Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1913

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Rockaway Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

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Name: Edwin W. Kimball Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: 1857. Served From: 1896

Date of Death: 1922. Served To:

Hometown: Hanover Township Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Prior to his political life, Freeholder Kimball was a teacher in the Morris County Public School system.

Re-elected 1898, 1900. He also served as Justice of the Peace.

Name: Elmer King Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:November 4, 1870.Served From:Date of Death:UnknownServed To:

Hometown: Netcong Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Freeholder King's ancestors migrated from County Cork, Ireland.

On September 5, 1894 married Ellen Elizabeth Stackhouse.

Member of the Morris County Bar Association, The Commercial Bowling Club, the Tapkaow Club.

Name: Captain Kinglsand Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1790

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Pequannock Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Kingsland, including his first name.

Name: William Kinney Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1913

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Mine Hill Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

The book A History of Morris County, New Jersey: Embracing Upwards of Two Centuries 1710-1913, published by Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1914, provides names and municipality of the Freeholder Board.

Name: Archibald S. Kirkpatrick Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:November 5, 1884Served From:1929Date of Death:February, 1968Served To:1949Hometown:ChathamService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Born in Newark, Essex County, New Jersey, Freeholder Kirkpatrick was self-employed as a "Dealer in Tractors and Trucks"; his business was located in Morristown. Appointed to the Board December 17, 1927 to January 1, 1929 to fill the seat of Freeholder Fritts (appointed to fill the Directorship upon the demise of Lewis A. Water).

Name:Aaron KitchelParty Affiliation: UnknownDate of Birth:UnknownServed From: 1786Date of Death:UnknownServed To: 1786

Hometown: Unknown Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Kitchel's service.

Name: Frederick W. Knox, Jr. Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:1922Served From:1978Date of Death:October 30, 1988Served To:1988Hometown:HanoverService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Name: Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:May 21, 1894Served From:1961Date of Death:April, 1972Served To:1971Hometown:NetcongService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Mayor of Netcong in the early 1930s; chairman of the Red Cross.

Name: John C. Korn Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:May 22, 1933Served From:1963Date of Death:August 23, 2004Served To:1974Hometown:HanoverService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

According to The Weekly News of The Hanovers, May 1, 1963 edition, Mr. Korn worked for Jersey Central Power and Light for 37 years. The Freeholder was better known as "Jack".

Name: John Krickus Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:Served From:2013Date of Death:Served To:2015

Hometown: Washington Township Service Century: Twenty-first

Noteworthy Events

John Krickus of Washington Township was a former mayor of Washington Township, holding that position for three years, as part of his 12 years on the Washington Township Committee from 1993 to 2004. While on the governing body, he used his business background to institute a cap on municipal property taxes at the rate of inflation or less, recognizing the need to control government spending. Freeholder Krickus also participated in extensive farmland preservation and other conservation efforts that have maintained the rural character of Washington Township.

In his first year on the freeholder board he focused his efforts on the budget and county operations, resulting in a zero tax increase, the first in 15 years.

He received his B.A. in Economics and Political Science from Drew University and an M.B.A. from Lehigh University. After graduating college, Freeholder Krickus received a CPA.

He has worked in private industry in finance, operations and marketing and currently works in Parsippany as a marketing manager for an information and data analytics firm.

He served in the Marine Corps Reserves at Picatinny Arsenal, and attained the rank of Sergeant. A life long resident of Morris County, Freeholder Krickus, and his wife, Carolyn, both grew up in Madison. They now reside in Long Valley where they have raised their two daughters, Kelly and Casey.

Name: J. J. Langdon Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: Served From: 1900

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Wharton (Port Oram) Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

The Iron Era, March 16, 1900 editions announced the defeat of incumbent Freeholder A. G. (Andrew G.) Orr by candidate J. J. Langdon.

Name: Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1802

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Roxbury Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known regarding Freeholder Larrison's service.

Name: Cecilia G. Laureys Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:February 18, 1932Served From:1992Date of Death:July 7, 2013Served To:2006Hometown:NetcongService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

A mother of 10 with a BA in History, a former schoolteacher. Elected to the Netcong Council in 1987, she was the first woman to hold that distinction. Often referred to as "Cissy," Ms. Laureys was a vocal supporter of the "Rosie" project that documents women's contributions in WWII. Served as a Freeholder liaison to the Department of Human Services and the former Department of Long Term Care. A strong commitment to volunteerism, Ms. Laureys was a member of the ARC/Morris, the Morris County Adaptive Recreation Program and the National Society for Autistic Children.

Name: James Lawrence Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: Served From:
Date of Death: Before 1899. Served To:

Hometown: Mendham Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Lawrence's service.

Name: Calvin L. Lawrence Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:October 30, 1875Served From:1936Date of Death:January, 1949Served To:1944Hometown:DenvilleService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

A farmer by occupation, dairy and poultry. Served on the 1924 committee to establish a fire department in Denville; served on the Denville Township Committee for 20 years, 14 as Chairman. Served as president of the Morris County Board of Agriculture. He is buried in Mt. Freedom Presbyterian Cemetery, per Rockaway Record, February 3, 1949.

Name: Arnold Lawrence Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From:
Date of Death: 1896 Served To:

Hometown: Unknown Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Lawrence's service.

Name: Sylvanus Lawrence Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1807

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Randolph Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Lawrence's service.

Name: Joseph C. Lock, Jr. Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth: Served From: 1880

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Mendham Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing is known of Freeholder Lock's service.

Name: Thomas Logan, Jr. Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1812

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Washington Township Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Logan's service. As of 1815, the Jr. has been dropped from his name, indicating the probable demise of his father.

Name: John P. Losey Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1805

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Jefferson Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Per the Jefferson Township Bicentennial Celebration Committee, at Widow Hile Seward's home on the afternoon of April 9, 1804, DeCamp, David Hurd, Joseph Hurd, John Ford, and John P. Losey – members of the first Township Committee -- signed the charter creating Jefferson Township from parts of Roxbury Township and Pequannock Township.

Name: Jacob Losey Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1806

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Randolph Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Losey's service.

Name: Benjamin Ludlow Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: 1763. Served From: 1799

Date of Death: January 17, 1817. Served To:

Hometown: Unknown Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Elected several time to the New Jersey State legislature as a Republican. Per the voting results printed in Palladium of Liberty, October 17, 1814, Republican Ludlow bested Federalist Doughty (2,168 votes to 592).

Name: Walter J. Luger Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:October 29, 1932Served From:1980Date of Death:August 17, 2007Served To:1988Hometown:DenvilleService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Born in Ridgewood, New York, he was a long-time resident and former mayor of Denville. Served in the United States Army during the Korean War, and after discharge, Corporal Luger obtained a B.S. from Hofstra University. While serving as mayor, he spear-headed the efforts to build a Senior Center. Described by those who knew him as having a "quick wit and boyish charm", he was a classical music and opera fan. Freeholder Luger is buried in Denville Cemetery.

Name: Merrit Bruen Lum Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:January 28, 1851Served From:1896Date of Death:October 30, 1905, age 54.Served To:1900Hometown:Chatham TownshipService Century:Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

A carpenter by trade. Freeholder Lum ran un-opposed in 1896. The Iron Era July 16, 1897. Further editions display Condition for Sealed Bids, indicating Mr. Lum as Director. The Iron Era, March 16, 1900 reports his defeat by Dayton Baldwin by 20 votes. His obituary in the New York Times notes he was director for three years.

Name: Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1741Date of Death:Before 1771Served To:1743Service Contumy: Fighter

Hometown: Chester Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Children: Benjamin, Shubal, Henry, Nathan, Israel, Walter, Jemima, Sarah, Mercy, Mary, Ezekiel, Bethia and Zephaniah.

Served in The American Revolution. Appointed Justice of the Peace 1743. Opened the first blacksmith shop in Chester.

Name: Nathan Luse Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1786Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1786

Hometown: Unknown Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Served in The American Revolution.

Name: Samuel S. Lyon Party Affiliation: Unknown.

Date of Birth:Born in Parsippany.Served From:Date of Death:67 years old in 1905Served To:

Hometown: Boonton Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Served as Mayor of Boonton, Morris County Freeholder and Consul to Japan. First appointed US Consul during President McKinley's term (per the archives of the US State Department) appointed in 1897 to Osaka, reappointed 1904-5 to Hiago (Kobe). In a NY Times July 24, 1900 article, Consul Lyon is mentioned as giving aid to fellow Boonton, New Jersey residents Dr. Samuel Cochran and his wife and infant. Forced to flea Nanking, China during the Boxer Rebellion, the Dr. and family escaped to Japan over the mountains. Mr. Lyon's letters regarding the Rebellion are re-printed in the Iron Era July 27, 1900 edition. Although he appears to have provided regular correspondence to his hometown regarding international trade, politics and military conflicts, Boonton citizens remembered him fondly in his 1905 Iron Era obituary for a singular, local act: "It was through Mr. Lyon's efforts while in the Board of Freeholders that one of the most handsome and substantial iron and concrete bridges in the county was erected at Old Boonton, which will stand for years as a monument to his memory."

Name: Nicholas Mandeville Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: Served From: 1812

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Washington Township Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Mandeville's service.

Name: William Martin Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1806

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Chatham Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Martin's service.

Name: Patricia Maynard Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1978Date of Death:Served To:1984

Hometown: Mendham Township Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Served as Mendham Township committee member. Served as a liaison to the County College of Morris. Retired from the Port Authority. Headed the "Buy A Brick" campaign to commemorate Morris County victims of the September 11th attack.

Name: Benjamin McCoury Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1818

Date of Death: April 25, 1856. Served To:

Hometown: Chester Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder McCoury's service.

Name: Eileen Carey McCoy Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:October 30, 1932Served From:1975Date of Death:March 4, 2011Served To:1977Hometown:UnknownService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

A life-long educator, obtaining B.A. in English from Saint Elizabeth's College; M.A. in English magna cum laud, and Ed.D. from Farleigh Dickinson. Dr. McCoy was very involved in national, state, county, and municipal Republican campaigns, and served as an alternate delegate to the 1976 Republican National Convention.

Name: John Mead Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From:
Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Unknown Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Mead's service.

Name: Harrison D. Mead Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1913

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Hanover Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

The book A History of Morris County, New Jersey: Embracing Upwards of Two Centuries 1710-1913, published by Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1914, provides names and municipality of the Freeholder Board.

Name: Fred S. Meyers Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:January 23, 1878Served From:1933Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1935Hometown:DenvilleService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Born in Denville. Served as Morris County Sheriff from 1932-1934. Served as committee member establishing Troop 17 of the Boy Scouts in Denville.

Name: John H. Milledge Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: May 30, 1838. Served From: 1893

Date of Death: Unknown Served To:

Hometown: Montville Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Freeholder Milledge was on his third term in 1897, serving as chairman of the finance committee.

Name: Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1810

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Pequannock Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Miller's service.

Name: Jacob Miller Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1813

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Unknown Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Miller's service.

Name: Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1786Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1787

Hometown: Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Miller's service.

Name: Frederick Miller Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1786Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1799

Hometown: Pequannock Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Miller's service.

Name: Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1805

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Washington Township Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Miller's service.

Name: Luke Miller Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1813

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Unknown Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Miller's service.

Name: John Mills Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1786Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1787

Hometown: Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Served in The American Revolution.

Name: Mouris Mourison Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1727Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1728

Hometown: Hanover Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Appointed freeholder for Hudson County-Prior to Morris County incorporation. Last mentioned in 1733.

Name: William Munroe Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From:
Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Roxbury Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Served as a Justice of the Peace.

Name: Charles H. Munson Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: August 16, 1873 Served From: 1918

Date of Death: May 29, 1932. Served To:

Hometown: Unknown Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Dover Shade Tree Commission in 1924; Dover Fire Department.

Name: John J. Murphy Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:1959Served From:1998Date of Death:Served To:2012

Hometown: Morris Township Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Serves as a volunteer firefighter. Led the board as freeholder director in 2002 and again in 2003. His role as liaison to Economic Development involved his working closely with the Morris County Chamber of Commerce, the Morris County Economic Development Corporation. He also was liaison to Human Services.

Freeholder Murphy in 2003 led Morris County's successful effort to purchase from the state more than 300 acres of excess land at Greystone Park State Psychiatric Hospital in Parsippany for \$1. His vision of a "Central Park-type" use for the property became a reality in July 2008, with a recreation complex that includes a Challenger ball field for mobility-impaired individuals. His vision also included renovating the Central Avenue Complex, which at one time housed Greystone patients, to host a new human services mall for nonprofit agencies to provide their clients with "one stop" access to wellness and recovery services. This, too, is becoming a reality.

On October 3, 2012, in a move that surprised -and shocked- many, Governor Chris Christie bestowed Freeholder Murphy with the first-ever presentation of the Alex DeCroce Leadership award. The two had been bitter political rivals in the 1997 Freeholder campaign described at the time as "hardnosed". Governor Christie explained that the two were reconciled after meeting each other at the Christie and Murphy children's school functions. The Governor stated at the award ceremony "Mr. Murphy's leadership was beneficial for the state, not just Morris County."

Name: Carol Jackson Murphy Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:December 25, 1932Served From:1984Date of Death:December 14, 2011Served To:1993Hometown:MontvilleService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Graduate of William Patterson College, majored in Communications. The first woman to serve on Montville's Township Committee. Resigned as Freeholder November 6, 1993 to take post as Assemblywoman. Becoming the first woman elected Conference Leader of the State Assembly Republican Majority in 1998 to 1999. The prime sponsor of numerous laws ranging from tamper-proof medication prescription blanks, the New Jersey Cancer Care license plate, increased care for Alzheimer patients; she was considered "remarkable", "a force" and "someone who helped break ground for women in politics" and "out spoken" by her many friends and colleagues. In a testament to her outspoken manner, she directed a derogatory statement at a fellow Assemblyman regarding campaign mailings she took exception with, going as far as refusing to shake hands with him. Apologizing later, Assemblywoman Murphy said "It was out of my character to refuse a handshake". Another Assembly colleague, Alex DeCroce, stated "She earned the respect of her peers and was someone who could always be counted on. Our state has lost someone who served the public in many ways and always did so with dignity and class."

Name: Sue Murphy Ostergaard Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1994Date of Death:Served To:1997

Hometown: Morris Township Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Unexpired term of Peter O'Hagan. Ms. Murphy-Ostergaard left to take a position with the Port Authority.

Name: James W. Murray Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:Date of Death:Served To:

Hometown: Chester Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

A professional engineer, by trade. Worked with the state of New York and the New Jersey Department of Transportation. He retired as Supervising Engineer after 35 years as a county government employee with the Morris County Department of Public Works.

Name: C. J. Kylie Myers Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1960Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1963Hometown:MorristownService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Mr. Clarence J. "Kylie" Myers is described in a Rockaway Record article, May 4, 1933 as a freeholder candidate. It is possible that he served before the 1960s dates indicated above.

Name: Captain Neighbor Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1791

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Roxbury Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Neighbor's service, including his first name.

Name: Leonard Neighbor Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1812

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Washington Township Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Neighbor's service.

Name: Nicholas Neighbor Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1803

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Washington Township Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known regarding Freeholder Neighbor's service.

Name: James Hance Neighbour Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Death:7/6/1918Served To:UnknownHometown:DoverService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Freeholder Neighbour was the first, permanent lawyer in Dover. A Daily Record, March 12, 1908 article describes a "stormy session" involving Freeholder Neighbour and Morris County Collector McClean.

Name: Margaret Nordstrom Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:Served From:1999Date of Death:Served To:2012Hometown:Long ValleyService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Earned a B.A. and Masters in Political Science at Swarthmore, class of 1970. Ms. Nordstrom has described herself as "backing into" politics; losing her first run for office to an incumbent by a mere six votes. She once summed up her character in part as "I'm not daunted by the areas with which I am not familiar"

During a hotly-contested campaign for Freeholder in 2011 between William "Hank" Lyon and Ms. Nordstrom; incumbent Nordstrom was declared the victor. A New Jersey State appeals court vacated the victory, without declaring Mr. Lyon as the new freeholder. Mr. Lyon was the victor at a Republican county committee convention March 10, 2012.

Name: M. P. Norris Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth: Served From: 1898

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Morristown Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

According to The Iron Era, May 5, 1898 edition, there were four freeholders representing Morristown; one for each ward. Freeholder Norris represented the fourth ward. He is not indicated as a new member. 1898 is the earliest known service, per research to date.

Name: James K. O'Brien, Jr. Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:March 22, 1930Served From:1993Date of Death:December 26, 2014Served To:1996Hometown:Mendham TownshipService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Born in Germantown, Pennsylvania, he attended Malvern Preparatory School and graduated from Fordham School of Business in 1955. A veteran, he served as First Lieutenant in the Korean War in the United States Army. In his personal life, Freeholder O'Brien was the father of four; losing one daughter, Deirdre, to murder in 1982.

In 1992, Mr. O'Brien authored and championed the New Jersey Constitutional Amendment for Victim's Rights. That same year, he -unexpectedly-won his race for Morris County Freeholder.

Resigning the Freeholder Board June 10, 1996, to become the Chairman of Crime Victims Rights Coalition of New Jersey at the request of then-Governor Christie Todd Whitman.

Relocating to Maryland in 2001, Mr. O'Brien continued to be the dedicated advocate of crime victims, focusing on children affected by violence. One of Freeholder O'Brien's enduring legacies to Morris County was the creation of Deirdre's House, a separate location from law enforcement offices, where children may be interviewed, receive medical attention and counseling in a comforting and safe environment. Shortly after Mr. O'Brien relocated to Maryland, he became the driving force behind a similar center in Talbot County, Maryland.

Mr. O'Brien will be interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

Name: Jonathan Ogden Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1805

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

From 1805-1812, a judge in the Morris County Court. Described as "one of the most liberal subscribers to the fund raised to purchase the "Morristown Green". Instrumental in organizing the State Bank at Morristown. Trustee of the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown.

Name: Peter J. O'Hagan Jr. Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:July 21, 1932Served From:1990Date of Death:April 12, 2014Served To:1994Hometown:Morris TownshipService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Military service in Vietnam and Operation Desert Storm. Resigned 1994. Other public service includes: Mayor and committeeman between 1975 and 1987 of Morris Township; New Jersey Lottery Commission chairman and Director of the New Jersey Division of Highway and Safety.

To commemorate the 238th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps., the Freeholders proclaimed November 10, 2013 Col. Peter J. O'Hagan, Jr. Day. The proclamation, in part, read "...there is no one who embodies the Marine Corps values and principals of honor, courage and commitment more than Col. Peter J. O'Hagan, Jr."

Name: John C. O'Keeffe Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:1925Served From:1989Date of Death:January 29, 2011Served To:1991Hometown:DenvilleService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Served in WW II as part of the 422nd Infantry, US Army. Bronze Star recipient and multiple campaign medals for the European Theater. Served as a mayor of Denville. He served as president of the St. Mary's Lector Society from 1975 to 1987, was a member of the Morris County Republican Committee from 1967 to 1997, and a trustee and president of the Trustees of the Denville Library from 1980 to 1997. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 390, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2519 and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Mr. O'Keeffe is buried in Denville Cemetery.

Name: E. Frank Oliver Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: October 13, 1861 Served From: 1913

Date of Death: May 2, 1943 Served To:

Hometown: Long Hill Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

The book A History of Morris County, New Jersey: Embracing Upwards of Two Centuries 1710-1913, published by Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1914, provides names and municipality of the Freeholder Board. Elected from Passaic Township, which changed its name to Long Hill.

Name: Andrew G. Orr Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth:Served From:1898Date of Death:Served To:1900

Hometown: Randolph Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

The Iron Era May 5, 1898 edition indicates he is a new member. The Iron Era , March 18, 1900 edition reports Freeholder Orr's defeat by J. J. Langdon. In the Iron Era's March 24, 1905 edition, the paper announces the former Freeholder, who served four years on the Board and twenty-seven years on the Board of Education, selling his businesses and re-locating to Nebraska.

Name: Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1818

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Unknown Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Osborn's service.

Name: Joseph Pennacchio Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:5/27/1955Served From:1998Date of Death:Served To:2001

Hometown: Pine Brook Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Went on to serve in the New Jersey State Assembly.

Name: Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1807

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Phoenix's service.

Name: Ebenezer Howell Pierson Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: February 10, 1771. Served From: 1807

Date of Death: October 14, 1828. Served To:

Hometown: Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Born in Morristown, and a physician by trade. Relocated to Cincinnati, Ohio in 1816.

Name: James H. Plante Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1972Date of Death:Served To:1973

Hometown: Randolph Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Plante's service.

Name: John F. Post Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: Served From: 1898

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Pequannock Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

The Iron Era May 5, 1898 edition indicates he is a new member.

Name: William Imla Powers Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: May 26, 1844. Served From:
Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Boonton Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

In A History of Morris County, New Jersey: Embracing Upwards of Two Centuries, Freeholder Powers is mentioned as having served two years. As the book was published in 1914, it is assumed serving prior to 1913. Elected three times as Mayor of Boonton. A Boatman on the Morris Canal, Freeholder Powers served as a Private in New Jersey's Co. B, 31st Infantry during the Civil War.

Name: Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1913

Date of Death: 1943 Served To:

Hometown: Morris Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

The book A History of Morris County, New Jersey: Embracing Upwards of Two Centuries 1710-1913, published by Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1914, provides names and municipality of the Freeholder Board.

Name: Preserve Riggs Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: 1746. Served From: 1795

Date of Death: April 5, 1821. Served To:

Hometown: Mendham Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Freeholder Riggs is buried in Hilltop Cemetery, Mendham, New Jersey.

Name: Theodore Ringlieb Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: March 10, 1835 Served From: 1906

Date of Death:December 2, 1906Served To:UnknownHometown:BoontonService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Born in Nebra, Germany, Freeholder Ringlieb married Bridget Collins. The two met at the laying of the cornerstone for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Boonton.

Buried at St. Mary's Church, Boonton.

Name: John Roach, Jr. Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:December 19, 1890Served From:1936Date of Death:November 26, 1961Served To:1961Hometown:DoverService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Born in Geneva, New York on December 19, 1890. Relocating with his family to Dover, Morris County, N.J. after he completed his elementary schooling, Mr. Roach attended Dover Business College and worked as a salesman at Swift and Co.. When the United States entered World War I, Mr. Roach enlisted as a Private into the Red Cross Ambulance Company No. 34. Originally stationed at Ft. Dix, his unit was transferred into the Ambulance Co. No. 310, 78th Division. Shipped overseas in June of 1918, Private Roach served in France, and was discharged in June of 1919. Becoming active in politics, Mr. Roach served as Mayor of Dover for 32 years, and as a Morris County Freeholder, he resigned June 24, 1961. Freeholder Norman J. Griffiths filled the Directorship for the remainder of 1961. Mr. Roach's burial location is unknown.

Name: Douglas H. Romaine Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1974Date of Death:Served To:1976Hometown:RockawayService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Romaine's service.

Name:Peter RomeParty Affiliation: UnknownDate of Birth:UnknownServed From: 1754Date of Death:UnknownServed To: UnknownHometown:PequannockService Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Rome's service.

Name: Carol J. Rufener Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1982Date of Death:Served To:1988

Hometown: Mountain Lakes Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

The annual Carol J. Rufener Award, is given to individuals or organizations who have contributed to improving the quality of life in Morris County.

Name: Abraham G. Ryerson Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: January 1842. Served From:

Date of Death: After 1943. Served To: Served two years.

Hometown: Pequannock Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Veteran of the Civil War, served in New York's Independent Light Artillery. Enlisted 10/22/1861 at New York City, age 20. Promoted Corporal, 9/1/1863. Transferred to Fifth Battery, 12/12/1863. Promoted Sergeant 10/13/1864. Mustered out at Middletown, Virginia. Participated in the Battles of Mine Run, Cedar Creek, and The Wilderness. The Pequannock Historical Society has a newspaper photograph of Mr. Ryerson celebrating his 101st birthday. He is seated with a Spanish-American War veteran and surrounded by soldiers home on leave during World War II.

On 10/9/1912, Mr. Ryerson hosted a reunion of local veterans and members of the First New York Volunteer Engineers Association-nearly all of the First New York Engineers a.k.a. "Southard's Engineers" were Morris County natives. Over one hundred veterans attended the reunion. Local schools dismissed early, so children could listen to the veterans' stories.

Sherriff of Morris County; Fireman for Lincoln Park.

Name: Peter Salmon Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1806

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Roxbury Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing is known of Freeholder Salmon's service.

Name: Aaron Salmon Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1809

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Roxbury Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Served as a Justice of the Peace in 1823, 1832, 1837 and 1843. The term was five years each.

Name: Michael P. Sawka, Jr. Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1988Date of Death:Served To:1989

Hometown: Whippany Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Unexpired term of F. Knox (deceased.) Served from December 1988 to December 1989.

Name: Samuel Sayre, Jr. Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1818

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Roxbury Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Sayre's service.

Name: David Scapicchio Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:Served From:2013Date of Death:Served To:2015

Hometown: Mt. Olive Service Century: Twenty-first

Noteworthy Events

David Scapicchio, a resident of Morris County for more than 36 years, was sworn in to his first three- year term on the freeholder board on January 4, 2013.

No stranger to public service, he served as mayor of Mount Olive from 2006 to -2011. Prior to that, he was elected to two consecutive terms 1996 to ¬2004 as a Mount Olive Township Councilman and served for two years as council president. He has also served on the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority and the Mount Olive Zoning Board of Adjustment, and served as a former chairman of the Mount Olive Republican Committee. Freeholder Scapicchio studied at DeVry Institute of Technology and eventually became a partner in Scapicchio & Sons, a family-¬owned, high-quality, professional residential construction company headquartered in Whippany, Hanover Township.

Originally from Livingston, Freeholder Scapicchio lives in Mount Olive with his wife Betsy, whom he married in 1977. They have four daughters.

Name: Alphonse W. Scerbo Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1972Date of Death:2009Served To:1974Hometown:BoontonService Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Replaced Dean Gallo (deceased.) Served in World War II as a United States Marine serving with the Third, Fourth and Sixth Marine Divisions, including military campaigns in Eniwetok, Guam and Okinawa.

Name: Jack Joseph Schrier Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:June, 1932Served From:1999Date of Death:April 2, 2015Served To:2010Hometown:MendhamService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Born in the Lower East side of Manhattan in the early days of the Great Depression, Freeholder Schrier described his family as "Franklin D. Roosevelt Democrats". The family later relocated to Newark, New Jersey. Mr. Schrier began an interest in public service, first serving on the Mendham Township council and as the Township's mayor. Initially becoming involved in preserving historic Washington Valley which led to Freeholder Schrier's close association and support with Morris County's Open Space trust fund and dedication to ensuring the Morris County Park System is one of the finest in the State.

While serving on the Freeholder Board, Mr. Schier was liaison to Human Services and the driving force behind Morris County's September 11th memorial. While Freeholder Director, he was appointed to the Highlands Task Force, which made recommendations that created the Highlands Act. After the law's enactment, he was Aappointed as an initial member of to the Highlands Council and eventually served as Acting Chair.

Appointed to the Highlands Council upon losing his bid for Freeholder Board, Mr. Schrier reflected on his loss by stating "I consider myself as a conservative and a conversationalist. This is difficult."

He further explained that "it is a misperception" that Democrats seem to show more concern than Republicans for minorities and poor people. "Republicans have hearts.""Do we not bleed?"".

Mr. Schrier was a long-serving board member of the United Jewish Communities, and served on MetroWest Community Relations Board.

Upon hearing of his death, Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen commented on "His wonderful sense of humor and delightful personality helped knit together a very fine freeholder board"

Name: William E. Search Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth: Served From: 1896

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Roxbury Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

According to election reports in the New York Times, March 11, 1896, Freeholder Search won by a single vote. His name is absent in the Iron Era election results, posted May 20, 1898.

Name: John R. Sette Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1989Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1991Hometown:MorristownService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Served as G.O.P. chairman for Morris County, New Jersey.

Name: James Skinner Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: January 1, 1752 Served From: 1803

Date of Birth: January 1, 1752 Served From: 1803

Date of Death: August 8, 1841 Served To:

Hometown: Chester Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known regarding Freeholder Skinner's service.

Name: Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:Served From:1794Date of Death:Served To:1794

Hometown: Hanover Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing is known of Freeholder Smim's service, including his first name.

Name: Bernard Smith, Jr. Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1802

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Pequannock Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known regarding Freeholder Smith's service.

Name: George B. Smith Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: Served From: 1880

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Hanover Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Smith's service.

Name: John D. Smith Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: April 15, 1859. Served From: 1892

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Jefferson Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Married Margaret "Maggie" Berry in November, 1880. Admittedly not of a scholarly bent, Freeholder Smith left what he termed the "irksome task" of school in his teens to become a miner. Working the mines in Chester until the price of ore bottomed out, he then became a farmer. Eventually, Freeholder Smith became one of the leading pig breeders in the State, specializing in rearing Chester White hogs.

First elected on the Democratic ticket, but falling out with fellow Democrats over a certain issue, he was re-elected as a Republican thereafter.

Name: Peter Smith Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1811

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Unknown Service Century: Ninteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Smith's service.

Name: John F. Smith Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1813

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Washington Township Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Smith's service.

Name: Hiram Smith Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1809

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Hanover Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Smith's service.

Name: William C. Spargo Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:September 14, 1885Served From:1926Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1949Hometown:RandolphService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Freeholder Spargo lists his occupation as Farmer on his WW I draft registration card. His WW II draft registration, Freeholder Spargo lists his occupation as Dairy Farmer.

Name: William Spencer Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1807

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Chatham Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Spencer's service.

Name: Henry R. Sperling Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:December 31, 1902Served From:1950Date of Death:August 14, 1987Served To:1974Hometown:Mine HillService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Freeholder Sperling left a legacy for Saint Clare Hospital in Denville, making his name remembered in the Saint Clare's Heritage Society. Freeholder Sperling is buried in Locust Hill Cemetery, Dover, New Jersey

Name: George E. Squier Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth: Served From: 1898

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Chester Service Century: Ninteenth

Noteworthy Events

The Iron Era May 5, 1898 edition indicates he is a new member.

Name: John Stark Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1801

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Roxbury Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Stark's service. In 1805, the surname is spelled Starke.

Name: Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1786Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1786

Hometown: Roxbury Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Starke's service.

Name: Ebenezer Stiles Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: 1726 Served From: 1767

Date of Death:1814Served To:UnknownHometown:Morris PlainsService Century:Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Mr. Stiles' home now serves as the Morris Plains Library.

Name: John Stiles Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Unknown Served From: 1752

Date of Death:UnknownServed To:UnknownHometown:PequannockService Century:Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Served in The American Revolution.

Name: Jonathan Stills, Sr. Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Unknown Served From: 1743

Date of Death:UnknownServed To:UnknownHometown:PequannockService Century:Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Appointed freeholder for Hudson County-Prior to Morris County incorporation.

Name: George J. Szatkowski, Jr. Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1986Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1988Hometown:RandolphService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Name: Joseph Talmage Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1815

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Unknown Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Talmage's service.

Name: Edward A. Tamm Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1992Date of Death:Served To:1994

Hometown: Randolph Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Served as chairman for Randolph bi-centennial celebration. Re-located to Texas April, 2005.

Name: Peter Telfer Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1914Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1932Hometown:BoontonService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Mr. Telfer was appointed to the Board September 23, 1931 to fill the vacancy left by the demise of Freeholder Bassett. He previously served in 1914. Running for re-elction in 1932, his campaign slogan was "The Right Man for the Right Place."

Name:Fraderick TemmotParty Affiliation: UnknownDate of Birth:UnknownServed From: 1753Date of Death:UnknownServed To: 1754Hometown:PequannockService Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Temmot's service. Also known as Frederick DeMouthe.

Name: Nathaniel Terry Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1804

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Chester Service Century: Ninteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Terry's service.

Name: Mahlon K. Tharp Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth:Served From:1892Date of Death:Served To:1913

Hometown: Mount Olive Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

The book A History of Morris County, New Jersey: Embracing Upwards of Two Centuries 1710-1913, published by Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1914, provides names and municipality of the Freeholder Board. Served from 1892 to 1896, was re-elected in 1910 and 1913. He was also a twenty-one year member of the Democratic committee; the oldest member of that body.

Name: Stephen Thompson Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1815

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Mendham Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Thompson's service.

Name: Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:Served From:1787Date of Death:Served To:1799

Hometown: Mendham Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Thompson's service.

Name: John Trimmer Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1804

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Washington Township Service Century: Ninteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Trimmer's service.

Name: Eugene Troxell Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:1840Served From:1896Date of Death:Served To:1898

Hometown: Madison Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Born in Easton, Pennsylvania. Military service in the Civil War, enlisted September 2, 1862 as a private in Co. H, 26th New Jersey Volunteers, for nine months service.

Married Margaretta C. Sharp November 6, 1872. One known child, Dudley, died at age eleven years old. Elected Freeholder again in 1898. Ran for Morris County sheriff April 28, 1899. Served as a volunteer fireman with Resolute Fire Company, Morristown, and was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Morristown.

Name: George Tucker Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1799

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Hanover Service Century: Eigteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing else is known regarding Freeholder Tucker's service.

Name:Joseph TuttleParty Affiliation: UnknownDate of Birth:UnknownServed From: 1796

Date of Death:UnknownServed To:UnknownHometown:HanoverService Century:Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Blacksmith, Deacon in the Presbyterian Church.

Name:David TuttleParty Affiliation: UnknownDate of Birth:UnknownServed From: 1786

Date of Death:UnknownServed To:UnknownHometown:UnknownService Century:Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Tuttle's service.

Name: Jesse Upson Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1803

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Mendham Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Although 1803 is the first appearance of Freeholder Upson, it would appear that he had prior political interests. 1799 records Jesse Upson having received the most votes in a field of eight candidates for County coroner. In 1801 Morris County, there was a tie vote for the third Assembly seat. In a special election to fill this seat, Cornelius Voorhees was chosen over Jesse Upson, according to Newark's True American newspaper story of December 22, 1801.

Name: Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: 1756 Served From: 1806

Date of Death: November 13, 1816. Served To:

Hometown: Hanover Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing is known of Freeholder Vail's service.

Name: Abraham C. Van Duyne Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:1814Served From:Date of Death:1895Served To:

Hometown: Montville Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Born in the same house as his father, prior to politics, he was a notable farmer. Married Hetty M. Crane in 1834, three children: Martha, Lucinda and John W. At the time his biography was written in 1899, the notation states that he served as a County Freeholder for several years. Additional public service in the form of one term in the House of Representatives.

Name: Nicholas J. Van Duyne Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth: Served From: 1880

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Boonton Service Century: Ninetenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Van Duyne's service.

Name: Joseph Van Dyke Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth: 3/26/1834 **Served From:** 1895

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Washington Township Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

The youngest of six children, born in Somerset County. Mr. Van Dyke moved to German Valley (present Washington Township) in 1864.

Name: Ewart Van Gelder Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1798

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Pequannock Service Century: Eigteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing is known of Freeholder Van Gelder's service.

Name: Harold Horton Van Natta Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth: June 7, 1887 Served From: 1913

Date of Death: Unknown Served To:

Hometown: Chester Service Century: Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

The book A History of Morris County, New Jersey: Embracing Upwards of Two Centuries 1710-1913, published by Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1914, provides names and municipality of the Freeholder Board. Attended the Chester public school and the Rider-Moore and Stewart Business College at Trenton, New Jersey, thus acquiring a practical education. His first employment was with the National Biscuit Company of New York, serving as special accountant for four years, then for a similar period served as manager of the Arrowsmith Manufacturing Company of Morristown, New Jersey, and now with the Morris Plains Lumber and Coal Company of Morris Plains, as noted above. He is a Democrat in politics and served as a member of the board of chosen freeholders of Morris county. He is secretary and treasurer of the Chester Free Public Library, of which he was one of the organizers, and is a member of Prospect Lodge, No. 27, R. A. M., of Morristown, New Jersey; Morris County Forest, No. 2, Tall Cedars of Lebanon; and the Tapkaow Club, of Morristown.

Name: Jacob Van Winkle Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth: Served From: 1898

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Morristown Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

According to The Iron Era, May 5, 1898 edition, there were four freeholders representing Morristown; one for each ward. Freeholder Van Winkle represented the second ward. He is not indicated as a new member. 1898 is the earliest known service, per research to date.

Name: Alanson Austin Vance Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Death: 1/22/1917 Served To:

Hometown: Morristown Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Appointed as Morristown's Postmaster by President Lincoln in 1861, and later re-appointed by President Grant. One of New Jersey's charter members of the Republican Party in 1856, and the last surviving original member at the age of 91. Freeholder Vance might best be described as a "Newsman". At the age of 13, he apprenticed at the Newton Herald, later at the Sussex Register. Mr. Vance established the New Jersey Home Journal, and purchased the Jerseyman in 1851. As editor, he advocated for Morristown's establishment of a public school system and the town's incorporation. Described as modest and unassuming, he did not actively seek public office; it was urged on him by his many friends.

Name:Martin VanduinParty Affiliation: UnknownDate of Birth:UnknownServed From: 1752Date of Death:UnknownServed To: UnknownHometown:PequannockService Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Vanduin's service.

Name: Abraham Vanduin Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1741Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1742

Hometown: Pequannock Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Appointed freeholder for Hudson County-Prior to Morris County incorporation.

Name: Henry Vannese Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:UnknownServed From:1741Date of Death:UnknownServed To:1750

Hometown: Pequannock Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

Appointed freeholder for Hudson County-Prior to Morris County incorporation.

Name: Simon Vanness Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1808

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Pequannock Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Vanness's service.

Name: Jacob J. Vreeland Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:Served From:Date of Death:Served To:

Hometown: Dover Service Century: Ninteenth

Noteworthy Events

The Iron Era May 5, 1898 edition does not indicate he is a new member. 1898 is the earliest known service, per research to date. During this election, there were two Freeholders from Dover. In addition to Mr. Vreeland, Democrat Freeholder W. B. Gillen, is not indicated as a new member.

Name: Cornelius Vreeland Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: Served From: 1880

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Montville Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Vreeland's service.

Name: Everett B. Vreeland Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:April 26, 1911Served From:1958Date of Death:August 21, 1971Served To:1969Hometown:UnknownService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Ran for State Assembly in 1971, won the primaries, but died before the general election.

Name: James P. Vreeland, Jr. Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:1900Served From:1970Date of Death:July 9, 2001Served To:1972Hometown:MontvilleService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Resigned May 31, 1972. Elected to the New Jersey Senate 1973. Died at age 101.

Name: Lewis A. Waters Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:October 1, 1871.Served From:1902Date of Death:December 13, 1927.Served To:1927Hometown:MadisonService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Born in Madison, New Jersey. Appointed Post Master of his home town in 1903 by President Theodore Roosevelt. The Rockaway Record, September 14, 1922 edition features a campaign add placed by the "L. A. Waters Camp. Com.". The campaign slogan reads: "My Platform is my Record. Always on the Job. Never missed a regular meeting since I have been on the Board." This article provides a photograph of Freeholder Waters.

Name: Charles R. Whitehead Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth: Served From: 1898

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Morris Township Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

According to The Iron Era newspaper article, May 20, 1898, Freeholder Whitehead was not a new member. 1898 is the earliest known service, per research to date.

Name: William Wier Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1810

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Washington Service Century: Ninteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Wier's service.

Name: John V. Wise Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth: 3/23/1848 Served From:
Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Washington Township Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

Supported the "free-silver" plank of the Democratic platform. He was chairman of the Morris County Board of Elections. Prior to his election as a freeholder, Mr. Wise served as Washington Township's clerk. At the time Washington Township was referred to as German Valley. Married Ellen H. Van Dyke in 1878, and had a family of five children.

Name: Party Affiliation: Democrat

Date of Birth: Served From: 1880

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Mount Olive Service Century: Ninteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Wolfe's service.

Name: William Wood Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: Served From: 1818

Date of Death: Served To:

Hometown: Jefferson Service Century: Nineteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Wood's service.

Name: Victor L. Woodhull Party Affiliation: Republican

Date of Birth:July 11, 1925Served From:1971Date of Death:June 1, 1999Served To:1972Hometown:MorristownService Century:Twentieth

Noteworthy Events

Served as Mayor of Morristown, and its administrator. Resigned from the Freeholder Board December 1, 1972. Directorship was filled by Freeholder Gallo.

Name: William Woodhull Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth:December 3, 1741.Served From:1794Date of Death:October 24, 1824.Served To:1800

Hometown: Roxbury Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

The third state to ratify the United States Constitution, on November 20, 1789, New Jersey would become the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights - the first ten amendments. Mr. Woodhull's name was put forth to represent Morris County at both Bill of Rights and Constitutional discussions. The New Jersey State Assembly passed Resolution No. 104, introduced September 27, 2012 Commemorating the 225th anniversary of New Jersey's ratification of the United States Constitution. All the signers were recognized, including Freeholder Woodhull.

Name: John Wurts Party Affiliation: Unknown

Date of Birth: 1766 Served From: 1789

Date of Death: 1855 Served To:

Hometown: Roxbury Service Century: Eighteenth

Noteworthy Events

At present, nothing further is known of Freeholder Wurt's service.